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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on March 27, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 376, 3/6/2017
Executive Action: SB 361, Do Pass

00:00:07 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 376

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:22 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 376, Establish public charter schools.

[EXHIBIT\(eds63a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds63a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds63a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:40 Kevin Leatherbarrow, self
00:32:58 Jonathon J. Eagleman, self
00:37:07 Mike Geboe, self
00:38:43 David Herbst, Americans for Prosperity
00:40:48 Jazlyn Geboe, self
00:41:55 Jocelyn Cahill, self
00:44:31 Ed Halland, self
00:45:38 Shauna Eagleton, self
00:49:58 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

Opponents' Testimony:

00:53:30 Sire Smillie, education policy advisor, Governor's Office
00:56:39 Rep. Peppers, HD 41
01:01:22 Sen. Facey
01:01:45 Rep. Peppers, HD 41
01:02:07 Peter Donovan, Board of Public Education

[EXHIBIT\(eds63a04\)](#)

01:05:12 Rob Watson, superintendent of schools, Bozeman School District (BSD)

[EXHIBIT\(eds63a05\)](#)

01:11:46 Jason Cummins, Native American Schools and Colleges
01:17:32 Tobin Novasio, Montana Association of School Superintendents
01:21:23 Alex Ator, superintendent, Roberts Public Schools
01:31:23 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

[EXHIBIT\(eds63a06\)](#)

01:51:06 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

[EXHIBIT\(eds63a07\)](#)

01:55:39 Dan Rask, Montana Small Schools Alliance

[EXHIBIT\(eds63a08\)](#)

01:59:08 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(eds63a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds63a10\)](#)

02:04:43 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers

02:05:40 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials

02:06:44 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

Informational Testimony:

02:09:42 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:10:09 Sen. McClafferty

02:14:02 Mr. Watson, BSD

02:14:52 Sen. McClafferty

02:20:34 Rep. Windy Boy

02:22:08 Sen. Facey

02:28:15 Mr. Parman, MREA

02:29:40 Sen. Blasdel

02:30:27 Mr. Watson

02:33:29 Sen. Boland

02:36:19 Rep. Windy Boy

02:36:29 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division

02:37:03 Sen. Tempel

02:37:25 Mr. Parman

02:38:38 Chair Salomon

02:39:38 Rep. Windy Boy

02:39:40 Mr. Bailey, OPI

02:40:33 Sen. Facey

02:41:06 Chair Salomon

02:41:20 Rep. Windy Boy

02:43:11 Chair Salomon

Closing by Sponsor:

02:43:26 Rep. Windy Boy

03:04:15 Chair Regier

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 361

03:04:25 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 361 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

03:05:18 Chair Salomon

03:05:56 Sen. Facey

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03:06:38 Sen. Regier

03:07:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Facey and Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

03:08:00 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:20 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

Additional Documents

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